

REMARKS

Claims 43-102 are pending with claims 43, 47, 51, 55, 59, 64, 69, 74, 79, 83, 87, 91, 95 and 99 being independent. The independent claims have been amended to recite that an electric field is applied substantially in parallel with a surface of a substrate "in at least a middle of the liquid crystal layer," as shown in the application at, for example, Fig. 1, page 2, lines 1-2 and page 19, line 14 to page 20, line 4. No new matter has been introduced.

Claims 43-102 have been rejected as anticipated by Yamada (JP06-118426). Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection because Yamada does not describe or suggest applying an electric field in parallel with a surface of a substrate in at least a middle of the liquid crystal layer, as recited in each of the independent claims. Instead, as shown in Figs. 2, 4 and 5, Yamada's electric field appears to be applied perpendicularly to the surface of the substrate (10) in the middle of the liquid crystal layer (30). Accordingly, for at least this reason, the rejection should be withdrawn.

Applicant submits that all claims are in condition for allowance.

The fees in the amount of \$910 (\$790 for the request for continued examination and \$120 for the one-month extension of time fee) are being paid concurrently herewith on the Electronic Filing System (EFS) by way of Deposit Account authorization. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

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